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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Director, OGI  
Director, SOVA  
Director, NESAS  
Director, ALA  
Director, OEA  
Director, EURA  
Director, OIA  
Chief, CRES  
Chief, PES

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Directorate of Intelligence Monitoring of Soviet  
Arms Deliveries to the Third World

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I have read the study of the Directorate's work on Soviet arms transfers and have decided the following:

- The overall mission of the Directorate should be to emphasize trends and patterns of Soviet arms transfers to the Third World. At the same time, for certain high priority countries we must increase our efforts for early warning of new or high interest Soviet initiatives. In my view, these exceptions include: Nicaragua, Cuba, Angola, Syria, Libya, Iraq and Vietnam (although such a list will change over time). Procedures should be developed and resources allocated to enable us to maintain the watching brief for the Third World generally but also to meet the need for early warning of significant augmentations of Soviet transfers or of new Soviet weapon systems to the above mentioned countries.
- To ensure that the Directorate meets the above stated objectives, a task force should be formed, chaired by the Deputy Director of OGI, with senior representatives from ALA, EURA, NESAS, OGI, OEA, OIA, CRES and SOVA to develop the appropriate detailed procedures and allocation of resources.
- Once the task force has completed this work, OGI should assume the chair of a new, permanent DI working group on

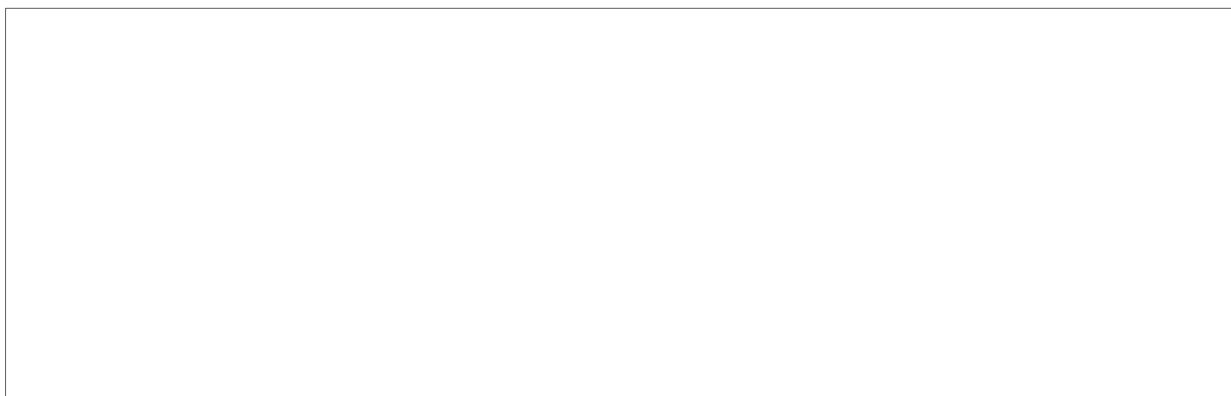
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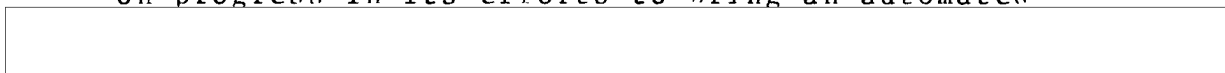
Soviet arms transfers to the Third World. The working group, and its chairman, will be the Directorate focal point for Soviet and East European arms transfer issues. The same offices that participate in the task force will provide representatives to the working group. The working group will meet at least once a month to discuss issues, priorities and methodologies of Soviet arms transfers. Its first duty will be to distinguish areas of responsibilities for DI analysts and different offices working on arms transfers. Early on, it should draft a standard operating procedure for analytic coverage of arms transfers during crisis situations. These two statements should be reviewed by the affected Office Directors and submitted to me for approval. Each month the group should rank order arms transfer topics in terms of high level consumer interests and review and revise that list each month.

- In the event of need for crisis coverage of arms transfer issues, the Chairman of the working group will convene the group as frequently as necessary to assure open channels of communication between Directorate analysts, to review tasking needs, to ensure that our product meets the needs of our customers, and to make sure that the standard operating procedures are being followed.



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- OGI should continue as a priority effort the automation of DI data bases on arms shipping and should make these data bases available to all appropriate analysts on line. OGI should report regularly to the working group on progress in its efforts to bring an automated



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to all interested DI analysts is impeded beyond June 1985, OGI should automate its existing data files for general access using a simple software system. (S)



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